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SUBJECT: SWEDEN AND THE CSCE

1. WHILE CALLING ON PRIME MINISTER PALME TO DISCUSS A

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NUMBER OF TOPICS (SEPTELS), THE QUESTION OF THE CSCE AROSE.

THE PRIME MINISTER SAID THAT HE WOULD BE GOING NEXT MONTH ON A VISIT TO HOLLAND, WHERE HE HOPED TO BE ABLE TO PERSUADE DUTCH LEADERS THAT THEY CANNOT CHANGE THE SOCIAL SYSTEM OF THE USSR THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS AT THE CSCE. THE PURPOSE OF THE CSCE, HE CONTINUED, SHOULD BE TO CONFIRM A EUROPEAN SETTLEMENT RATHER THAN TO GET INVOLVED IN A FRUITLESS EFFORT TO CHANGE THE INTERNAL STRUCTURE OF THE COMMUNIST STATES. PALME BELIEVES THAT THE BEST THAT CAN COME OF THE CSCE--WHICH HE HOPES WILL BE WOUND UP PROMPTLY WOULD BE AN INCREASE IN INFORMAL EXCHANGES AMONG THE EUROPEAN STATES. HE SAID THAT THE CREATION OF A PERMANENT ORGAN WAS NOT AS IMPORTANT AS SIMPLY ACHIEVING AN IMPROVEMENT IN COMMUNICATIONS AMONG THE EUROPEAN NATIONS.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER SAID HE HOPED TO CONVINCE THE DUTCH TO RELAX THE "RIGID POSITION" HE BELIEVES THEY HAVE ADOPTED AT THE CSCE AND TO RECOGNIZE THAT THE CONFERENCE IS ESSENTIALLY A CONSECRATION OF THE STATUS QUO IN EUROPE. HE ADDED THAT HE HAD SPOKEN RECENTLY ON THIS TOPIC WITH WILLY BRANDY IN NORWAY WHO HAD AGREED WITH HIS THESIS THAT IT WAS HOPELESS TO ATTEMPT ANY CHANGE IN THE SOVIET SYSTEM AND THAT THE CSCE SHOULD BE WOUND UP AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. STRAUSZ-HUPE

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